

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: J. Culler
KOICHIRO KAWAGUCHI	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2854
Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of	)	
Appln. No. 09/900,949 filed	:	
July 10, 2001)	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to  
amend the above-identified application as follows.